



NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST, AND AFRICA

1. There is no Soviet or Satellite representation in Libya or Morocco. The U.S.S.R. has one Vice Consul stationed in Pretoria, Union of South Africa, who is Acting Consul General, and one Consular Agent stationed in Cape Town. The only Satellite state represented in the Union of South Africa is Czechoslovakia, which has a Consulate General in Cape Town; however the post of Consul General is presently vacant.

2. Afghanistan

a. The Soviet diplomatic staff has been uniformly friendly since the arrival of the present Army Attache in August 1950 and has continuously attended and given social functions. No attempt has been made by the Soviets to ingratiate themselves with Americans, however; in fact, the Russians tend to group together at parties since practically none of the Russian women speak other than their native language. Conversations of the Army Attache with Russian military personnel have always been on minor technical subjects, such as uniform customs, etc.

b. The Czech Minister is the only Satellite representative in Afghanistan. He is personally friendly with the Army Attache, and speaks French, but no English. His wife, who speaks fluent English, is also pleasant and friendly. At large parties both tend to gravitate to the Russians.

c. The First Secretary of the U.S. Embassy, Mr. John Evarts HORMER, who came to Afghanistan from Moscow and speaks the Russian language, is generally omitted from all Soviet parties except those of a large national nature.

3. Egypt

The only deviation from normal was the appearance of the Minister of the Soviet Embassy at the 1952 Fourth of July reception given by the American Ambassador.

4. Pakistan

a. Soviet and Satellite representatives in Pakistan are showing an increased interest in non-official functions of the United States and Western-oriented governments, and are accepting and issuing invitations; however, no effort is being made to cultivate or entertain Department of the Army personnel. Soviet officials accepted invitations to and attended the USIS Fourth of July program and a 4 August 1952 showing of a film entitled "Women in America." The only prior appearance of Soviet officials at USIS functions was on 16 October 1951 when they attended a program honoring Dr. Daily, a negro.



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b. During July 1952 the USIS personnel were invited to the Russian Embassy to see a film entitled "Moscow Circus." A full report of this occasion is contained in American Embassy, Pakistan Despatch No. 122 dated 6 August 1952.

c. Members of the Office of the Army Attache have attended a welcoming party for the new Indian Military Advisor, a movie shown by the Indonesian Embassy, and a cocktail party given by the Indian Air Advisor, at all of which Soviet and Satellite representatives were present. At none of these functions did Soviet and Satellite representatives make any effort to converse with Department of the Army personnel.

5. Syria

The Army Attache has encountered the Soviet Charge d'Affaires Mr. Costantin KOTCHETKON/only three times since January 1952, at social functions of the Iraqi Legation, the French Legation, and the Syrian Foreign Office. On each occasion he greeted the Army Attache in a friendly manner and talked for a few moments. He did not, however, acknowledge an invitation to or attend the Armed Forces Day reception given by the Army Attache, Syria.

6. Turkey

a. In view of the restrictions imposed on Soviet and Satellite representatives by the Turkish Government and their complete surveillance of all members of the Russian Embassy, it is considered that any change of attitude would be very noticeable. However, none such change has been evident.

b. At an official reception at the residence of the Mexican Minister General, Antonio Sanchez ACEVEDO, in honor of the CXLII Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of Mexico, the Russian Military Attache, Colonel Ivan Nikolaevic KONDRACHOV, and the Assistant Military Attache, Colonel Timofei MALICHKINE, both appeared. Of his own initiative, Colonel KONDRACHOV crossed a crowded room and spoke a brief greeting in French to the U.S. Army Attache, and moved on. MALICHKINE joined groups of Turks with whom the U.S. Army Attache was talking on three occasions during the reception. It was obvious that he understood both Turkish and French, but he made no great effort to join the conversation. The Turks greeted him coldly. This is the first time the Army Attache has observed Russian personnel attempting to mix socially with United States or Turkish personnel.

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7. Greece

a. The Soviet Diplomatic Mission in Athens is ostensibly a minor one. It is headed by Mr. Nicolas P. TCHERNICHEV, Counselor and Charge d'Affaires, and consists of five officers. There are no Satellite diplomatic missions in Greece.

b. While Soviet representatives do make an effort to meet Department of the Army personnel, it is not apparent that they go out of their way to cultivate or entertain such Americans. Contacts by the U.S. Army Attache have been limited strictly to official and social functions attended by one or more members of the Soviet Mission. The Soviet Charge d'Affaires entertains each year on the occasion of the Anniversary of the Grand Socialist Revolution in October. It has been noted that this function is well attended, particularly by Greek officials and members of the British Embassy. On this occasion the Soviet Charge d'Affaires and his staff speak to and identify everyone present.

c. On the occasion of the U.S. Ambassador's reception on 4 July 1952, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires was among the guests present, and this year was one of the last guests to depart. He was accorded every courtesy and was engaged in conversation by nearly every American present. His manner on this occasion was friendlier than previously. He made an effort to speak in English during the reception, whereas before he professed not to understand the English language. He also speaks French and Greek quite fluently.

d. Soviet representatives in Greece are not accepting or issuing invitations to non-official functions, as far as has been observed by members of the Office of the U.S. Army Attache.

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